U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND THE OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

CHARTER OF THE LABOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR TRADE NEGOTIATIONS AND TRADE POLICY

1. The Committee's Official Designation.

The Labor Advisory Committee for Trade Negotiations and Trade Policy.

2. Renewal.

Pursuant to section 135(c)(1) and (2) of the Trade Act of 1974, 19 U.S.C. 2155(c)(1) and (2), as amended by section 1103 of the Trade Agreements Act of 1979, Pub. L. 96-39, 93 Stat. 308, the Omnibus Trade and Competitiveness Act of 1988, Pub. L. 100-418, 102 Stat. 1264; and Executive Order 11846 of March 27, 1975, 3 C.F.R., 1971-1975 Comp., 971 (which delegates certain Presidential responsibilities conferred in section 135 of the Trade Act of 1974 to the United States Trade Representative) and in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. II, the Secretary of Labor and the United States Trade Representative hereby renew the Labor Advisory Committee for Trade Negotiations and Trade Policy. This Charter renews the Labor Advisory Committee for Trade Negotiations and Trade Policy in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), 5 U.S.C., App., and its implementing regulations, 41 CFR 101-6 and 102-3.

3. The Committee's Objectives and the Scope of Its Activity.

To provide information and advice with respect to: a) negotiating objectives and bargaining positions before the United States enters into a trade agreement with a foreign country or countries; b) the operation of any trade agreement once entered into; and c) other matters arising in connection with the development, implementation, and administration of the trade policy of the United States, including those matters referred to in the Reorganization Plan Number 3 of 1979 and Executive Order No. 12188 of January 2, 1980, 45 Fed. Reg. 989, and the priorities for actions thereunder.

4. The Period of Time Necessary for the Committee to Carry Out Its Purpose.

Indefinite. As long as there are matters arising in connection with the negotiation and operation of trade agreements and with respect to other matters arising in connection with the administration of the trade policy of the United States.

The Agency (Agencies) or Official(s) to Whom the Committee Reports.

The Secretary of Labor and the United States Trade Representative.

6. The Agency (Agencies) Responsible for Providing Necessary Administrative Support for the Committee.

The Bureau of International Labor Affairs, U.S. Department of Labor is delegated the responsibility for providing necessary administrative support for the Committee by Secretary of Labor Order 01-95, April 20, 1995. The United States Trade Representative, the Secretary of Labor, or their designated agents and representatives from other governmental departments as appropriate, shall provide such additional staff, information, personnel, administrative service and assistance to the Advisory Committee as the Committee may reasonably require to fulfill its purpose and to carry out its activities. Except as otherwise provided in this charter, the Secretary of Labor shall be responsible for all notice filings and other applicable statutory requirements as set forth in the Federal Advisory Committee Act, with the exceptions set forth in the Trade Act of 1974, as amended.

7. <u>A Description of the Duties for Which the Committee is Responsible.</u>

- a. To advise, consult with, and make recommendations to the Secretary of Labor and the United States Trade Representative jointly, on issues and general policy matters concerning labor and trade negotiations, the operation of any trade agreement once entered into, and other matters arising in connection with the administration of the trade policy of the United States.
- b. To provide reports on trade agreements to the President, the Congress, and the Office of the United States Trade Representative at the conclusion of negotiations for each trade agreement.
- c. To perform such other advisory functions relevant to trade negotiations as may be required by the United States Trade Representative or the Secretary of Labor and the U.S. Trade Representative jointly, or their designees.
- d. The advisory functions described under (a), (b), and (c) above shall be performed in connection with the preparatory phase of trade negotiations and with respect to developments arising during the course of negotiations, as well as after a trade agreement is in force.

8. <u>Membership and Organization</u>.

The Committee shall consist of not more than 45 members from the U.S. labor community, appointed by the United States Trade Representative and the Secretary of Labor, acting jointly, for a period not to exceed the duration of the

Charter. Members will serve at the pleasure of the Secretary of Labor and the United States Trade Representative. A chairman shall be elected by the members at a regular meeting.

The Estimated Annual Operating Costs in Dollars and Staff-Years for Such 9. Committee.

\$95,013, which includes 1.0 person-years of staff support.

10. The Estimated Number and Frequency of Committee Meetings.

The committee will meet at irregular intervals at the call of the United States Trade Representative and the Secretary of Labor depending on such factors as the level of activity during trade negotiations, the needs of the Secretary of Labor and the United States Trade Representative, the nature and volume of reports required by statute, as well as additional reports that may be provided by the Committee for consideration by the Secretary of Labor and the United States Trade Representative.

11. The Committee Termination Date.

Two years from the date this Charter is filed.

12. The Date the Charter is Filed.

This Charter is filed on the date indicated below.

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Filed as provided for in Section 9(c) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act the 16 day of May 2006.